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EDITORIAL

A NEW SEASON.

A new season has commenced, and we believe it will be the greatest season ever. The prospects were never brighter. All the Soccer organisations in New South Wales—and Australia, for that matter—are on the qui-vive, and are preparing to do their part.

There have been many differences of opinion on certain questions, and there are still decided differences in some; these facts do not lead us to despair, however, for differences are the signs of progress, and independence of thought. Internationally we are very fortunate. We have a New Zealand team arriving here for a seven weeks' tour at the end of May, and a Chinese team of University Students ten days later. These tours will do more than create interest. They should give the game a tremendous stimulus.

Players in the Representative class are already training hard to fit themselves for the coming contests. Their example will induce their club mates to do likewise. Club football will therefore be directly benefited by the increased standard of play. The game generally is expected to be raised to a place it has never before reached. It is in our own hands as to what extent we shall prosper as the result of this season's play. Soccer enthusiasts, whether they be players, officials or patrons, should decide that they will do their part, so that they will have the satisfaction of feeling that each and every one of them contributed to the progress which is confidently anticipated will be made.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Contributions should be addressed to the Editor, "Soccer News," Sports Club, Sydney, and will be received up to Tuesday, at lunch time. Those sent in by Monday night will have the best chance of acceptance. Personal paragraphs concerning players, officials and supporters will be especially welcome. The length of articles, of course, varies with their importance, but they should be less than 50 words, if possible, and should in any case be confined to 100 words.

IN THE SCHOOLS.

Many years have passed since Soccer competitions have been installed in the public schools. What a battle it was! The Rugby Unionists fought to stultify the move, but were defeated. To-day, except in eight high schools and six primary schools (Warringah Shire), it is a defunct game in the Schools, and Soccer is at least on level terms with the Rugby League code.

It is worth recording that Balmain is the cradle of the schools' development. Balmain Club, in 1896, gave its Kerr Cup for a schools' competition, and writer remembers Darling Road and Marist Brothers' Collegiate battling out the first final in '97 at University Oval. Granville inaugurated a schools' competition in 1900.

This year 21 high schools' teams and 84 primary schools' teams comprise the competition. The tally is three less than in 1921, due to the elimination of "B" teams in the grades on account of ground shortage, and compares favourably with the Rugby League total entry of 107 teams. First grade primary consists of Ashfield, Auburn, Fort Street, Glebe, Redfern, Bondi, Tempe, Hurstville, Marrickville, Rozelle and Newtown. Second grade will be conducted in six districts, viz.:—St. George 6, Bankstown 6, Balmain 5, South Sydney 10, Western 6, Granville 6. Third grade in five districts: Bankstown 7, Eastern 7, Granville 5, Southern 7, Balmain 8. (The numbers record the number of teams in each district.) Besides these, premiership games visits from South Australia and Queensland are assured, so, ere "exit" is written, the youngsters will have had a good season.

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REFEREES' FEES.

There have been differences of opinion in Sydney as to the remuneration referees should receive. Mr. John Lewis, in the "Football Post" (England), writes as follows:—

"I have been favoured with a newspaper article in which the writer says that in his opinion referees are underpaid, and adds that it is absurd that the men who control the game should receive not one-half the amount paid to the players who participate in the matches.

"I am afraid that this writer has only given very casual thought to the subject with which he deals. In the first place, the referee simply devotes an hour and a half to the work he is called upon to perform, whereas the players give the whole week in nearly every case. Hence there can be no effective comparison respecting time between the referee, on the one hand, and the player on the other.

THE PRIME CONSIDERATION.

"If I had an idea it would mean introducing to the game a class of men who would exercise more intelligence and be more determined that football should be played in accordance with the laws and with a better sporting instinct, I would certainly not oppose an increase in the present remuneration of referees. Candidly, I hold quite the contrary opinion.

"In my view it is not the fee that brings men into the game who are likely to make the best referees. It is the game itself which attracts them. I have no objection to them receiving the fee, but remuneration should be a second consideration, not the first.

"If we look through a list of prominent referees of the present and past we shall find that it is men actuated by the love of the game, and not influenced by fees, who are, and have been, most successful in discharging their important duties. With them the main consideration is the pleasure they derive from the sport.

"If the fees were made larger, that might induce some men to qualify as referees purely for what they could make out of football. In my opinion, they would not be likely to improve matters."

GENERAL ITEMS.

One of the most important revisions in the rules was the transfer of executive power from the General Council to the Management Committee of the Metropolitan Association.

A motion by Mr. Annandale to restrict the personnel of the Management Committee to non-players caused a great deal of discussion, but was easily defeated when put to the vote.

Pyrmont's new goalkeeper, Wal Rushton, was the nominee of the Newcastle Association as a candidate for the Secretaryship of the N.S.W. Association, but was easily defeated by Mr. Syd. Storey in the ballot. Rushton played with Wallsend during 1918, 1919 and 1920, representing Newcastle against Metropolis at Sydney in 1919.

The standing of the Soccer game in this State may be gauged by a review of the various balance sheets for 1922. These show that the N.S.W. Association had a credit balance of £471, and the Metropolitan Association a credit of £245, representing net profit in each instance.

Approximately £5,000 was the revenue of these two Associations, of which £1,250 was received from the Wentworth Park gates.

The above figures do not include revenue from the Illawarra and Northern Districts Football Associations. Under the guidance of Larry Tamlyn, the Newcastle body had made remarkable progress. Whereas the Rugby League code received £80 for every £1 secured by Soccer during the 1918 season, the popularity of the Rugby game has been superseded to such an extent that the revenue of the British Association exceeded the opposition receipts for last season. Revenue totalled £3,517, with assets valued at £1,817, and commendable enterprise was shown by the purchase of a centrally situated ground at Hamilton, on which a grandstand has been erected, costing £1,400.

The inclusion of two Pyrmont teams, and now the promotion of a third Balmain club to the First Division, calls for some decisive action by the Metropolitan Association. Concentration in these districts will obviously hamper the expansion and popularity of the code.

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"J. Fisher was the best half on the ground."—Doing things by halves.

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"St. George beat Punchbowl, 8—nil.—Putting some Punch into the bowl!

"Frank West was keen on obtaining a record attendance for the opening of his ground at Kogarah."—Westward-ho!

In Queensland some of the Soccer teams have names, which, if not poetic, are decidedly novel. At the opening match of this season, on the Gabba Ground in Brisbane, the Bush Rats and the Pineapple Rovers played good games. Such names impress the casual witness of a game and remain in his memory, and as the code is out to impress outsiders and convert them into supporters, why not introduce some original names into N.S.W. Soccer? For instance, perhaps the Balmain Gladstones might be persuaded to become the Balmain Gladioli, and further suggestions are:—The Granville Geraniums, the Pyrmont Potplants, the Campsie Cauliflowers, or the Hornsby High-hopes! What could be more touchingly romantic than the Sydney Sheiks? A prize of two and sixpence will not be offered for the best title for a team in the First Division.

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PERSONAL.

A. E. Gibbs, Esq., Australian Representative to the F.A., Ltd., London. Played the game in Birmingham before many of us were born, for the Calthorpe Club; later represented for Victoria. Is an excellent worker for more generous treatment of Australia by the F.A. Is exceedingly anxious to get a British Soccer Team to these shores.

Jesse Pennington. A fair-haired Full Back and an English International. He is 6 ft. high and very sturdy. Not a born footballer, but became a great player by dogged perseverance. Came into prominence with Dudley, a Birmingham and District team, while a registered player with Aston Villa, who had no high opinion of him, and granted him a free transfer to West Bromwich Albion. He made his mark with this team, which he captained for many years. Retired last year.

"Bill" Bellis, the energetic Hon. Sec. of the South Australian Association. He is a glutton for work and does more with his one hand than most of us do with two. He has secured his Association a home ground this year, and has organised a Schoolboy Competition (sixteen teams).

"Bill" Wright, a Referee and one of the best; arrived in Australia from "the place that knows no droughts" (Manchester), about fourteen years ago. Adapted himself quickly to new environment, and made himself popular on and off the field; honest, courageous, direct, and absolutely fair, combined with a good knowledge of the game, he possesses all the attributes of a good referee; dispenses executive judgment each alternate week as President, Sydney Referees, and is heart and soul in his job. Says he has retired from active refereeing; his friends hoping, however, he will change his mind. He is a man that is an acquisition to the game.

Alex. McDowell of West Australia, a V.P. of the C.F.A., and the "Fred. Barlow" of W.A. On his way to Sydney at the present time, he will be able to swap yarns with all the old hands. Our "Sinful City" should give him a right royal welcome, for many visitors to the West have pleasant recollections of his kindness and courtesy during their stay in the Cinderella State.

J. C. Clegg, Esq., President Football Association (London), in succession to Lord Kennaird (deceased). He represented his country in the

METROPOLITAN JUNIORS.
THE SEASON'S OPERATIONS.

Forty-seven teams have affiliated this season, as against 62 last year. When the new districts of St. George and Canterbury are taken into consideration, a further improvement on previous seasons is recorded.

The allocation of teams is: "A" Grade, 11; "B" Grade, 18; "C" Grade, 19.

New teams in the "A" Grade Competition are: Pyrmont Refinery, Centennial Juniors, Y.M.C.A. , 5th Field Ambulance, Nestanglo, Lakemba. The great rivals of 1922 in Canterbury and Marrickville Avoca are also included.

The new entrants in "B" Grade are: Pyrmont Rangers, Easton Park, Glebe Arcadia, Lakemba, Sunlight, St. Peters Kangaroo, Chester United, Marrickville Junior. Five of these have risen from "C" Grade.

"C" Grade contains the following additions: Warren Avoca, Warren Wanderers, Manly, Newtown, Sunlight, Warren Iona, Wardell Road, Lakemba, Paddington, Bondi.

The last two named, from the Eastern Suburbs, are the first teams from that district, and will no doubt be the forerunners of many more.

A big drawback to the M.J.F.A. this season is the lack of grounds, and the officials of the P.C.S.F.A. are to be commended in coming to our help at a critical time. But for the kindly help of this Association, no doubt many teams would have been turned away this season.

NOTES.

The executive officers of the Junior Association for 1923 are: Frank West (President), Charlie Packer (Hon. Sec.), E. D. Jones (Hon. Treasurer), J. Fitzgibbon (Asst. Hon. Sec.).

New Vice-Presidents elected this year are: W. Robertson and Geo. Skelly.

The Management Committee this year is composed of non-players, this being the first time in the history of the Association.

Primrose Park, as in past years, is again at the disposal of the Association, and will be maintained as the headquarters.

The Marrickville Avoca team, who were runners-up in their division in 1922, will field practically the same team, the only absentee being W. Heterick, left half and representative player.

Canterbury Juniors, the premiers of 1922, will be without the services of Full-back O. Joass, the interstate player, who has joined up with Can-

side right, has joined the ser ranks, and will be greatly missed the Lilyfield combination.

Pyrmont Refinery, a new team the "A" Grade, showed great p mise in their display last Saturd against Lilyfield, and before the s son goes very far, will be a team be reckoned with.

Judging by the display of the f "B" Grade teams in action on Pr rose Park No. 2 ground last Sat day, many good contests can be lo ed forward to in the near future.

Club Secretaries should make their business to supply every me ber of his team with "The Soc News" each week, as the followi Saturday's fixtures will appear the in.

"A" GRADE.

Nestanglo v. Centennial Junio Algie Park, 3.15.

Y.M.C.A. v. 5th Field Ambulan Acton Street, Croydon, 3.15.

Lakemba v. Pyrmont Refine Primrose No. 1, 1.45.

S. T. Leigh & Co. v. Marrickvi Avoca, Crescent Oval, 3.15.

Canterbury Juniors v. Lilyfie United, Primrose No. 1, 3.15.

Dulwich Hill, bye.

"B" GRADE. Division

Lilyfield v. Newtown, Primrose N 2, 3.15.

Glebe United v. Easton Park, Pri rose No. 2, 1.45.

Fernleigh v. Lakemba, Lakemb 3.15.

Pyrmont Rangers v. Glebe Arcad Cook's River No. 2, 3.15.

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Division II.

Sunlight v. Annandale Alton Sunlight Recreation Ground, 1.45.

Chester United v. St. Peters, E kineville Park, 3.15.

Balmain Gladstone v. Leichhar Juniors, Annandale, 3.15.

Y.M.C.A. v. Marrickville Junio Arncliffe Park, 1.45.

"C" GRADE. Division

St. Peters v. Warren Iona, Cook River No. 2, 1.45.

Manly v. Wardell Road, Man 2.15.

Warren Wanderers v. Lakemb Lakemba, 1.45.

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Sunlight v. Annandale Rover Crescent Oval, 1.45.

Leichhardt v. Bondi Beach Junior

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

The Association has obtained the use of the Sydney Cricket Ground, No. 2, for the season.

The Chinese Team of University Students are expected in Sydney on the 27th May.

The New Zealanders arrive here on the 22nd May.

A N.S.W. team will go to Queensland in August, and be away from Sydney for two playing days.

A Queensland Representative Junior Team will play a series of matches in N.S.W. during the season.

The Protestant Churches Association has received 49 entries this season.

There are 43 Senior Teams in the Metropolitan area.

The M.J.F.A. has 48 entries.

International A. Fisher is playing Second Grade, and International W. Dane has retired.

E. Jones, the well-known referee, takes Jim Black's place as the Hon. Sec., Sydney Referees.

Jim Black has been on active football management for twenty-three years.

A number of new competition rules are in operation this year.

F. W. Barlow, President N.S.W. Association, was elected at the last conference the President of the Commonwealth Football Association.

Efforts are being made to have the C.F.A. floated into a limited liability company immediately.

A. Morgan, manager of the last team to New Zealand, was in Sydney for a week discussing this year's programme with the N.S.W. Executive.

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New teams in the "A" Grade Competition are: Pyrmont Refinery, Centennial Juniors, Y.M.C.A., 5th Field Ambulance, Nestanglo, Lakemba. The great rivals of 1922 in Canterbury and Marrickville Avoca are also included.

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"C" Grade contains the following additions: Warren Avoca, Warren Wanderers, Manly, Newtown, Sunlight, Warren Iona, Wardell Road, Lakemba, Paddington, Bondi.

The last two named, from the Eastern Suburbs, are the first teams from that district, and will no doubt be the forerunners of many more.

A big drawback to the M.J.F.A. this season is the lack of grounds, and the officials of the P.C.S.F.A. are to be commended in coming to our help at a critical time. But for the kindly help of this Association, no doubt many teams would have been turned away this season.

NOTES.

The executive officers of the Junior Association for 1923 are: Frank West (President), Charlie Packer (Hon. Sec.), E. D. Jones (Hon. Treasurer), J. Fitzgibbon (Asst. Hon. Sec.).

New Vice-Presidents elected this year are: W. Robertson and Geo. Skelly.

The Management Committee this year is composed of non-players, this being the first time in the history of the Association.

Primrose Park, as in past years, is again at the disposal of the Association, and will be maintained as the headquarters.

The Marrickville Avoca team, who were runners-up in their division in 1922, will field practically the same team, the only absentee being W. Heterick, left half and representative player.

Canterbury Juniors, the premiers of 1922, will be without the services of Full-back O. Joass, the interstate player, who has joined up with Canterbury in the First League.

Lilyfield are without the services of their last year's goalie, Stevenson, his place being taken by Hush, of the "B" Grade. Hale, the brilliant in-

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Algie Park, 3.15.

Y.M.C.A. v. 5th Field Ambulan
Acton Street, Croydon, 3.15.

Lakemba v. Pyrmont Refine
Primrose No. 1, 1.45.

S. T. Leigh & Co. v. Marrickvi
Avoca, Crescent Oval, 3.15.

Canterbury Juniors v. Lilyfie
United, Primrose No. 1, 3.15.

Dulwich Hill, bye.

"B" GRADE. Division

Lilyfield v. Newtown, Primrose N
2, 3.15.

Glebe United v. Easton Park, Pri
rose No. 2, 1.45.

Fernleigh v. Lakemba, Lakem
3.15.

Pyrmont Rangers v. Glebe Aread
Cook's River No. 2, 3.15.

Dulwich Hill, bye.

Division II.

Sunlight v. Annandale Alto
Sunlight Recreation Ground, 1.45.

Chester United v. St. Peters, E
kineville Park, 3.15.

Balmain Gladstone v. Leichhar
Juniors, Annandale, 3.15.

Y.M.C.A. v. Marrickville Junio
Arncliffe Park, 1.45.

"C" GRADE. Division

St. Peters v. Warren Iona, Cook
River No. 2, 1.45.

Manly v. Wardell Road, Man
2.15.

Warren Wanderers v. Lakemb
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Warren Avoca, bye.

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Centennial Park, 1.45.

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Pyrmont v. Birchgrove Albion
Acton Street, Croydon, 1.45.

No. 2, for the season.

The Chinese Team of University Students are expected in Sydney on the 27th May.

The New Zealanders arrive here on the 22nd May.

A N.S.W. team will go to Queensland in August, and be away from Sydney for two playing days.

A Queensland Representative Junior Team will play a series of matches in N.S.W. during the season.

The Protestant Churches Association has received 49 entries this season.

There are 43 Senior Teams in the Metropolitan area.

The M.J.F.A. has 48 entries.

International A. Fisher is playing Second Grade, and International W. Dane has retired.

E. Jones, the well-known referee, takes Jim Black's place as the Hon. Sec., Sydney Referees.

Jim Black has been on active football management for twenty-three years.

A number of new competition rules are in operation this year.

F. W. Barlow, President N.S.W. Association, was elected at the last conference the President of the Commonwealth Football Association.

Efforts are being made to have the C.F.A. floated into a limited liability company immediately.

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BALMAIN GLADSTONES. (Black, with Gold V Back and Front.)	GRANVILLE. (Black and White Stripes.)
W. Hughes	E. Atchison
1—F. Gallen 2—J. Driscoll	1—C. Leabeater 2—E. Doherty
3—G. Graham 5—R. White	3—L. Leabeater 5—H. Spurway
4—G. Storey	4—J. Comrie
6—H. Gowan 10—Brennan	6—S. Bourke 10—F. Ramsay
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EARLY MATCH—1.45 p.m.

REFEREE: G. FOOKS.

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Mr. J. K. Alderman (Sturt) said the sub-committee should invite the headmasters or sports masters to a conference to devise some means of outbidding Soccer.

Mr. A. A. Edwards, M.P., said that the Soccer people had taught the league a lesson. He had issued a warning last year. The West Adelaide Club had provided full outfits for the Sturt-street school.

Mr. C. McArthur (Port Adelaide) said his club had voted £8/8/- for schools football and provided five or six schools with footballs every year.

The motion was carried, and Messrs. J. F. Dawes, E. H. Tassie and Edwards were appointed a sub-committee.

Hornsby Athletics are preparing for a progressive season; last year they laboured under the disadvantage of having a ground at a great distance from Wahroonga Station, but they have now secured alternate Saturdays with the Rugby League, for the splendid new oval at Waitara, this ground is right at the station and in perfect order. Hornsby is the sole representative of the Code on the North Shore Line, where there would appear to be a fine opening for the starting of, say, five or six good teams. Now then Hornsby, being the pioneers of Soccer in the Northern Suburbs, why not go ahead and create a Northern Suburbs Association!

Jennings, the crack centre forward of Granville last year, is doing well, according to the "Southend Standard" of February 8th. He is playing for the Tottenham Hotspurs, and scored the only two gaols scored in this particular match, which was won 2-1. The paper speaks highly of Jennings' play.

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WENTWORTH, 3.15 p.m.

Pyrmont v Sydney

REFEREE: MAN.

LINESMEN: R. BURNS.

PYRMONT

(Blue.)

GOALKEEPER:
W. RUSHTON.

FULL BACKS:
1—J. CRUM 2—S. ANDERSON

HALVES:
3—E. LOVERIDGE 4—H. ROBINSON 5—C. TIMMS

FORWARDS:
6—A. MACLEAN 8—S. ALEWOOD 10—R. OSBORN
7—R. MAITLAND 9—J. BURCHAM

RESERVES:
11—W. Britton 12—H. Denham

SYDNEY

GOALKEEPER:
DREAGG

FULL BACKS:
1—MONTGOMERY 2—VIDLER

HALVES:
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FORWARDS:
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7—N. CHARLTON 9—SHERRINGHAM

WENTWORTH—1.45 p.m.

Pyrmont Ra. Leichhardt

REFEREE.

PYRMONT RANGERS

(Blue, Gold Sash.)

GOALKEEPER:
C. KETTERINGHAM

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The Protestant Churches' Soccer Football Association wishes the "Soccer News" every success in its second season, and promises the management its most hearty support.

This season we have been unable to secure an actual revenue-producing ground, but still we are overstocked with grounds. Unfortunately, we have only a few (two, to be exact) in the western districts, and so a little travelling is inevitable.

Our affiliated Association up to date consists of the Presbyterian Fellowship Union and the Protestant Churches' Referees' Association. The Granville Branch has not—at time of going to press—applied for affiliation to the parent body. The Fellowship is composed of seven or eight teams. They will play at Campsie, The Flat and Croydon.

The idea of refusing to register members of unfinancial teams of last season until they pay their individual share, is a marked success, as it serves to keep the game clean. Several members have cleared themselves. It is to be hoped that other Associations will support us in the matter.

Negotiations are being made with the intention of playing rep. matches at Kearsley (return) and at Goulburn on 4th June. This will depend upon the state of our finances. Teams are asked to give every support and help to the boxes, which will be on every ground.

P.C.R.A.

The Protestant Churches' Referees' Association is at the present time composed of sixteen members. Mr. Thos. Anderson is President, while Mr. W. J. Castleman is the Hon. Sec. and Treas. Mr. Robinson represents the Association on the Management Committee of the P.C.S.F.A. This season, members will wear a distinction badge, viz., a maroon shield with the letters "P.C.R.A." in white, on the left breast.

The best match to-day will be Austens F.C. v. Dulwich Hill Bap. A, at Ibrox Park, at 1.45. Austens were premiers in the initial season, while the maroons carried off 2nd Grade (A Division) honours in 1922.

DRAW FOR SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1923.

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Entries have closed with 12 teams in the Juvenile "R. T. Young Memorial Cup" Competition, 11 teams in the All-Age Competition; 5 teams have entered for the Junior (under 18) "Nurse Cup" Competition; another entry is hoped for before next Monday; six teams have entered the Protestant Churches Section to be managed by the G.D.F.A.; a total of 34 teams.

With the exception of the Under 18, the competitions will be set going this Saturday.

The visit of the New Zealanders is eagerly awaited, and the visitors are promised a real Granville welcome.

In the absence of the district team at Easton Park this Saturday, the attraction for Clyde Oval will be—

JUVENILE.

Auburn District v. United, 2 p.m.

ALL-AGE.

Parramatta United v. Two Blues, 3.15 p.m.

First Division.

Pyrmont v. Gladesville. Pyrmont, 3—1.

Balmain Fernleigh v. Balmain Scottish. Fernleigh, 4—0.

Granville v. Pyrmont Rangers. Granville, 7—3.

Sydney v. Balmain Gladstone. Sydney, 3—1.

Second Division.

Canterbury v. Campsie Thistle. Canterbury, 4—2.

Auburn v. Leichhardt. Auburn, 3—1.

Two Blues v. Burns Club. Two Blues, 4—1.

Eastern Suburbs v. Pyrmont Rangers. Easts, 1—0.

SECOND GRADE.

"A" Division.

Leichhardt v. Sunlight. Sunlight, 3—1.

Manly v. Australian Roads. Manly, 4—2.

Pineville Rangers v. Annandale Altona. Annandale, 2—0.

Callan Park v. Rozelle Albions, Callan Park, 4—0.

West Sydney, the bye.

"B" Division.

Gladesville v. Hornsby Athletic. Not to hand.

St. George v. Punchbowl. St. George, 8—0.

Lidcombe v. Metters A. Metters, 3—0.

Parramatta v. Babcocks' XI. Parramatta, 2—0.

Botany Albion A, the bye.

"C" Division.

Metters' United v. Gladesville Hospital. Deferred.

Fire Brigades v. Botany Albions B. Botany, 3—1.

Eastern Suburbs v. Lachlan Rangers, 10—0.

North Sydney v. Manly B. North Sydney, 4—2.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

FIRST GRADE.

First Division.

Gladesville v. Balmain Scottish, Ibrox, 3.15.

Pyrmont v. Sydney, Wentworth Park, 3.15.

Balmain Fernleigh v. Pyrmont Rangers, Brereton Park, 3.15.

Balmain Gladstone v. Granville, Easton Park, 3.15.

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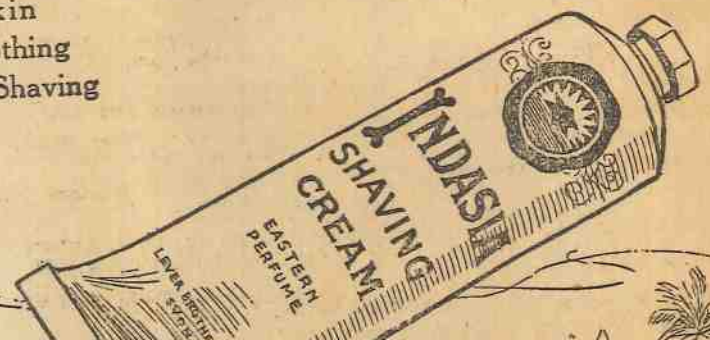

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IBROX PARK—3.15 p.m.

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(Black and Gold Stripes.)

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(Team not to hand.)

EARLY MATCH—1.45 p.m.

(Match—Protestant Churches Competition.)

Fixtures

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Second Division.

Canterbury v. Eastern Suburbs, Centenial Park, 3.15

Campsie v. Two Blues. Rosehill Park, 3.15.

Pyrmont Rangers v. Leichhardt, Wentworth Park, 1.45.

Burns v. Auburn, Auburn, 3.15.

Pineville Rangers, the bye.

SECOND GRADE.

"A" Division.

Leichhardt v. Manly, Pozieres Park, 3.15.

Sunlight v. Annandale Altona, Sunlight Sports Ground, 3.15.

Australian Roads v. Callan Park, Callan Park, 1.45.

Rozelle Albion v. West Sydney, Easton Park, 1.45.

Pineville Rangers, the bye.

"B" Division.

Gladesville v. Punchbowl, Brere-Punchbowl, 3.15.

Hornsby Athletic v. Lidcombe, Waitara Park, 3.15.

"C" Division.

Metters United v. Botany Erskineville Park, 3.15.

Gladesville Hospital v. Rangers, Hospital Ground, 2.

Fire Brigades v. Manly, 3.15.

North Sydney v. Garden Erskineville, 1.45.

Eastern Suburbs, the bye.

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Balmain Scottish v. Rangers, Sydney C.G. No. 2,

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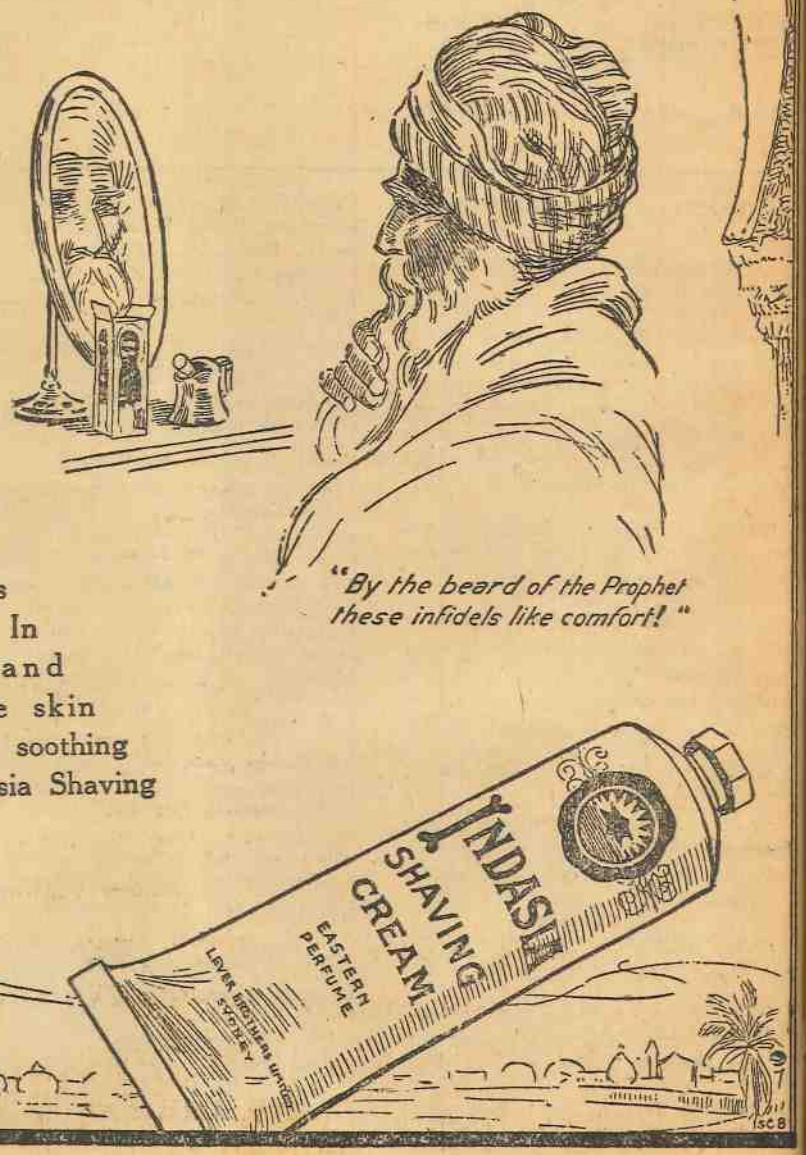

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St. George v. Babcocks' XI., St. George Sports Ground, 3.15.

Parramatta District v. Botany Albion, Booralee, 3.15.

Metters, the bye.

"C" Division.

Metters United v. Botany Albion, Erskineville Park, 3.15.

Gladesville Hospital v. Lachlan Rangers, Hospital Ground, 2.

Fire Brigades v. Manly, Mascot, 3.15.

North Sydney v. Garden Island, Erskineville, 1.45.

Eastern Suburbs, the bye.

FIXTURES for NEXT SATURDAY.

FIRST GRADE.

First Division.

Gladesville v. Sydney, Brereton Park, 3.15.

Balmain Scottish v. Pyrmont Rangers, Sydney C.G. No. 2, 3.15.

Pyrmont v. Granville, Wentworth Park, 3.15.

Balmain Fernleigh v. Balmain Gladstone, Easton Park, 3.15.

Second Division.

Canterbury v. Two Blues, Wentworth Park, 1.45.

Leichhardt v. Eastern Suburbs, Ibrox, 3.15.

Campsie Thistle v. Auburn, Hospital Ground, Canterbury, 3.15.

Pyrmont Rangers v. Burns Anniversary, Mascot, 3.15.

SECOND GRADE.

"A" Division.

Leichhardt v. Annandale Alton, Ibrox Park, 1.45.

Manly v. Callan Park, Callan Park, 2.

Pineville Rangers v. Rozelle Albion, Sunlight Sports Ground, 3.15.

Sunlight, the bye.

"B" Division.

Gladesville v. Lidcombe, Lidcombe, 3.15.

Punchbowl v. Babcocks' XI., Punchbowl, 3.15.

St. George v. Botany Albion, Booralee, 3.15.

Metters Ltd. v. Parramatta District, Parramatta, 3.15.

Hornsby Athletic, the bye.

"C" Division.

Metters United v. Lachlan Rangers, Waterloo Oval, 3.15.

Botany Albion B v. Manly B, Pozieres Park, Manly, 3.15.

Fire Brigades v. Garden Island, Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, 1.45.

Eastern Suburbs v. Northern Suburbs, Centennial Park, 3.15.

Practice Match.

Gladesville Hospital v. Sunlight, Hospital, 1.45.

These fixtures are subject to alteration, as the hon. sec. has been notified that the Sydney Cricket Ground is not available on the 5th May.

REFEREE'S DECISION.

Is it Final?

The following questions and answers appearing in an English paper are worth noting, considering the debates on these points here:—

(1) Owing to an admittedly incorrect decision by the referee, a team won a game which would otherwise have been a draw. The losers have protested to the South African F.A., with a request for a replay. Has the Association the right to order the match to be replayed? (2) A referee's watch stopped ten minutes before full time, and the stoppage was not discovered until the game had exceeded the regulation period by eight minutes. In that eight minutes a deciding goal was scored. Have the losers the right of appeal to the governing body, and, if so, has the Association authority to order a replay?

Answer: The reply is "No" in each case. The referee's decision is final, and, notwithstanding admitted mistakes, must stand.

METROPOLITAN SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

M.S.F.A.'s PLAYERS' INSURANCE FUND

(Inaugurated 1922.)

RULES and BY-LAWS

1. The Metropolitan Soccer Football Association hereby inaugurates an Insurance Fund for the monetary assistance of players injured whilst playing, as hereinafter provided.

2. Claims will only be considered from duly registered players on books of the Metropolitan Soccer Football Association, injured whilst playing in games sanctioned by the aforesaid Association, and/or the New South Wales Soccer Football Association.

3. On inauguration, the M.S.F. Association shall subsidise the Fund to the extent of a fifty pounds (£50) donation.

4. Claimant must make personal report of accident to Management Committee of that Association not later than the Monday following such accident, and at the same time hand in written report, endorsed by the Captain and Hon. Secretary or Officer of the Club, and accompanied by a medical certificate. In the event of the player being unable, through being incapacitated, to personally report to the Management Committee same is to be notified, when written report may be accepted from claimant or from some person with his (claimant's) authority and on his behalf.

5. No claim will be allowed where player takes part in any game, within eight (8) days after receiving injury, for which claim is made. The fund shall be administered by the Management Committee, who shall all be the Trustees of the Fund. Subscription shall be five shillings (5/-) per player per season (as understood by the M.S.F.A.), entitling a player to an allowance of one pound (£1) per week, or ten shillings (10/-) per player per season, entitling him to a two pounds (£2) per week allowance. No player shall be allowed to subscribe more than ten shillings (10/-).

6. Allowances will not be made to any one player for more than thirteen (13) weeks in all in any one season.

7. In the event of claims at any time absorbing all income, further benefits shall cease, and members subscribe on this understanding.

8. Any claimant claiming allowance for any period beyond one week, shall produce a renewed or further medical certificate, which, in the view of the Management Committee, justifies a further allowance, and so on

PROGRAMME

PRIMROSE PARK—1.45 p.m.

Dulwich Hill United v. Fifth Field Ambulance.

REFEREE: F. C. PACKER.

DULWICH HILL UNITED. (Black and White.)

FIFTH FIELD AMBULANCE. (Chocolate.)

3.15 p.m.

LILYFIELD (Royal and White.)
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at the league's meeting the other evening in referring to "Soccer" as a "foreign game," because it is regaining some measure of favor here, after a lapse of 40 years or so. The game which South Australians are most familiar with at present (and which we fondly call the "Australian" game), is pracitcally identical with the "Westminster" College game at home, from which it has evidently been borrowed. Then what about Rugby, which is the favouirte in N.S.W.? Are the New South Welshmen not Australians? What game has not been borrowed from overseas? Cricket, tennis, golf, &c., are a British heritage, just as much as our language. Football, as we in South Australia know it, may be the most suitable form of the game for our climate, and, if so, it will remain the most popular, but it is disquieting to hear any British game called "foreign." Is the vision of declining gate-money troubling certain members of the league?

From "AN EX-HINDMARSH SKIPPER": — What wonderful sporting instincts the South Australian Football League must have! Why don't they go a step farther and form a committee to put down lacrosse, tennis, baseball, or anything else that might tend to entice boys to play anything but South Australian football? If their game is such a scientific and fascinating one, what have they to fear from any "foreign game"? The whole trouble is, they have fairly "got the wind up." The game that attracts millions in all parts of the world may keep a few from their matches; hence their takings would be slightly less. But Soccer has come to stay, notwithstanding all they have done as a body to push it off the scene. We have the right men at the head of affairs now to send the game along, and—I say it with much pride—these men are mostly Australian-born. This little burst of anger is the best form of flattery. Then what a fuss is made of the trophies offered? Just fancy! A body of men who have to pay even to play and do not have the benefit of a big gate money, spending a lot on trophies. Even if they did, why should not the lads be encouraged?

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PROGRAMME

Canterbury v. Eastern Suburbs

CENTENNIAL PARK—3.15 p.m.

REFEREE: F. WHITE.

CANTERBURY

(Blue and Gold Stripes.)

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Joass Swann

Porter Bannister Wheat

or Parr

Thirlwell Metcalfe Sandilands

Rowe Chapman

RESERVE: Humphries.

EASTERN SUBURBS

(Red, White and Blue.)

H. Jarvis

C. W. Read W. James

H. Harry A. Manuel D. Gray

W. Burroughs R. Mackay W. Baker

R. Greer A. Thomas

ANCIENT HISTORY.

(By J. McDOUGALL.)

As very few supporters of Soccer in this State know how the game originated here, the following accounts will no doubt be of great interest to all concerned. Our game, in its infancy, had its foundation, naturally, in players from the old country, who were assisted to a certain extent, due to friendship, by devotees of other codes. Great praise and credit is due to the pioneers of Soccer, which from such a meagre beginning is fast becoming the premier game in Australia, as it is in many other countries.

From "Bell's Life in London" (a great sporting paper of the period) of 1st January, 1881:

"The Association Game in New South Wales.

"We have received the following letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Football Association:—

"Coreen College, Woollahra,
"Sydney, N.S.W.

"My Dear Sir,—

"I do not know whether your attention has been drawn to football in the antipodes, but the following account may prove interesting:—

"Until the present season, the rules of the Rugby Union have been in force here, without any active opposition, and the Southern Rugby Union includes a large number of clubs. During the last two seasons, however, a movement has been gaining ground in favour of the introduction of the Victorian game, which, about six weeks ago, took a definite form in

"Under these circumstances, two or three old English and Scottish Association players, thinking the opportunity for which they had waited had arrived, having mooted the idea in the papers, and gained the favourable consideration of Rugby football players, convened a meeting which was well attended, and in which the matter was well considered.

"A club was immediately formed, with the following Committee: A. P. Savage, M. Barlow, J. A. Todd, W. J. Baker, C. E. Hewlett, and Hon. Sec. J. W. Fletcher.

"Promises of support continued to come in, and the club in about three weeks numbers a very creditable number of members, though it was very late, almost at the end of the season, when the club was formed. As the fixtures for the season were already made under Rugby rules, it was somewhat difficult to arrange matters and get teams together. The first Association match in N.S.W. was, however, played by the club against the King's School, Parramatta, on 14th August, 1880, the club winning by five goals to nil, the game being very promising.

"At a Committee meeting held this week, it was resolved to call our club 'The Wanderers,' or 'N.S.W. Wanderers,' rather, and further, that the club should be enrolled (with your permission) in the British Association, and that an account should be sent Home for publication; that the colours of the club should be white jersey, cap and knickerbockers, with badge Southern Cross and blue stockings.

"To-day the second match was

game to fight, but you will see have made a splendid commencem and feel sanguine of success in s of the Victorian game. The ice been broken for next season, whe intend to be early in the field. you kindly introduce us to the R ball Association? I fancy modest commencement is only th troduction to a brilliant future Association football here, and wish to work in concert with English Association.

"I have written to Mr. C. S who once played for England, as him to act as our representativ had forgotten to say that, be the 'N.S.W. Wanderers,' this s (Coreen College) plays under ciation rules, and has taken to game wonderfully well. The clubs play next Saturday.

"Yours, etc.,

"(Sgd.) J. W. FLETCHER
"Hon. Sec., 'N.S.W. Wanderer

(To be continued.)

The following is the account first Soccer match in New Wales, played between "Wande and King's School, Parram 14th August, 1880, taken from appearing in "Bell's Life in don":—

"First match, 'Wanderers King's School, Parramatta, play Saturday, 14th August, at matta. The boys had not these rules before, but are known players of the Rugby On the other hand, the 'Wande for the most part, had not football for some years, and never played together. The was a well-contested one, the resting with the 'Wanderers' goals to nil. Baker and Rox forward and back, distingu themselves for the 'Wanderers Fenwick played splendidly f King's School."

"Wanderers" team compri J. A. Todd, captain, (Clyde Glasgow), W. J. Baker (M head), J. W. Fletcher, (Pem College, Oxford), C. E. H (Harrow and Magdalene Colle ford), W. Robertson (Glasgow) Fletcher (Sheffield), Chapma Wastinage (Sheffield), D. Rox W. Simson and J. Scott (Sydne

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